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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A station for a network apparatus comprising the station and a plurality of other stations, all interconnected by a communication link. The station comprises: a network connection; a self assessment module operable to determine a current status of the station, wherein the current status is a measure of the stations available resources; a trust list that includes a station identifier for the or each other station which is designated as trusted to perform tasks for the station; a broadcast unit operable to transmit service requests to the network connection and onto the network, the service requests being directed to the or each other station identified in the trust list and constituting a request to the or each other station to perform a task for the station; and an answer unit operable to receive service requests from the network through the network connection and, in response thereto, to transmit to the network through the network connection an acceptance or refusal message in respect of the service request, the acceptance or refusal being decided having regard to the current status of the station, as determined by the self assessment module.